

Notes to the Town:

Welcome to 2004! At the Town we are active with tax collection, assessment exemptions, finalizing contract negotiation for sidewalk on Summit Street Road with New York State Department of Transportation, joining with municipalities and agencies for critical lobby issues to take to Albany, working with Village Board to create one LeRoy Zoning Board of Appeals 5-G municipal agreement, preparing Extension #1 Water District construction plans for bid process and finalizing 2003 year end financial information.

As the Town Clerk is appointed by the Town Board as the Collector, Patty Canfield is available to receive your tax payments Monday – Friday 8:30 AM through 4:30 PM. She will have night hours on Thursdays until 7:00 PM for the month of January for convenience of folks unable to get to the Town Hall during regular business hours. Tax Collector is responsible for tax collection for all of the municipal taxes levied on your bill. By law she must collect the exact amount on your bill in one payment. Partial payments are not accepted.

Once she has collected the levy for Genesee County billed to parcels in LeRoy, she writes a check to Genesee County Treasurer. Upon collection of the fire tax, the Town Board approves a check to LeRoy Fire District. Same with the sixty-cent surcharge per thousand gallon of water usage, shown on tax bill as MCWA (Monroe County Water Authority). The collected taxes that stay at the Town Hall are only the levy for Town of LeRoy.

Water District charges are used exclusively for debt repayment on the construction of those water lines owned by the individual districts. Landowners on Route 19 south of the village line are billed for the debt for Water District #6. Landowners in Extension #1 water District have been billed for the construction of waterline this summer. Many questions have come to us at Town Hall regarding water district charges on property tax bills.

Water District #6 (Route 19 South of Village) all parcels with waterline access are responsible for debt charge. Open and vacant land is included. The District was legally formed with all parcels starting at Village line south to Town of Pavilion line and Perry Road for 250 feet. Some landowners have more than one parcel others have just one. Each parcel is benefiting by the waterline being available to their land hence the charge for the cost of construction. This debt charge does not depend upon landowners choice to use the public water or not, just the line being available and land being included in the legally described water district filed by signature approval of majority of population and assessed value in the district.

Extension #1 Water District (W. Bergen, Randall and Selden Roads) has a debt charge on their landowner tax bills. This amount is to pay the accrued interest on funds borrowed to pay for the work performed on the district construction to date. Engineering fees, archeological investigations, and legal work has been expended to date on behalf of this

project that is reimbursable to the Town General Fund. It should be noted that the Town has one opportunity per year to collect funds for projects that are a special benefit in kind. That is on the January tax bill. Update on the status of the construction of the water line is that the project has received all approvals and is ready to go to bid. We should see construction this summer.

As the recreation season continues to be busy we wanted to remind citizens that our Recreation Director, Kristi Bardeen's office can be found with the Assessor and Code Enforcement Officer Office. Look for the signage above the service windows at the Town Hall to help locate the Recreation Director. Basketball sign ups are ongoing and we have 120 participants signed up to date. Looks like this is a very popular program in LeRoy! For questions about the program please call Kristi at 768-6910 ext 226.

Assessor Beth Hiscutt reports that exemptions applications have been mailed and she is waiting for taxpayers to return them. She is working on the update for assessments too. All municipalities in LeRoy use this assessment roll as the basis for taxation. Don't miss out of an exemption because you forgot to return the form!

Code and Zone officer Gene Sinclair reports that the Joint Flood Mitigation project for the Oatka and Tonawanda Creeks is completed and accepted by Towns in the watershed area. Consolidation is taking place for the Zoning Boards of Appeals for the Town and Village Boards. At the joint Town and Village meeting held in December both legislative boards voted to move forward in creating one Zoning Board of Appeals. We look forward to being part of the process and working towards a harmonious community in the work we all do. Attorneys for the Town and Village are working on the 5-G municipal agreement necessary to move forward.

We are looking forward to negotiating our contract with NYS Department of Transportation for the grant dollars to create a sidewalk on Summit Street Road. Safety is an issue of students walking to the Jr. Sr. High School without benefit of sidewalks created this opportunity. We look forward to negotiating the best contract for the most feet of sidewalk possible. Our goal is to connect with existing Village sidewalks and continue to Bunnell Park.

Several questions have arisen about the billing for water with Monroe County Water Authority. We have listed the billing practice below:

Water usage billed at \$2.47 per 1000 gallons used
Base meter charge (5/8" – 1 1/2" meters residential) at .12 cents per day or \$10.80 per 90 days equal to one billing quarter.

If you use 20,000 gallons per quarter it would equal 49.40 for water and 10.80 for meter rental for a total of \$60.20 for the water usage per quarter. That represents an average of \$3.01 per 1000 gallons of water.

For more questions about water charges and your individual bill please call MCWA at 442-2001 ext. 250.

For future reference please clip and save these phone number extensions for the Town Hall Staff:

Town Hall 768-6910

Assessor Beth Hiscutt	ext 221
Code Officer Gene Sinclair	ext 223
Town Clerk Patty Canfield	ext 224
Recreation Dir. Kristi Bardeen	ext 226
Sec. To Supervisor H Libroek	ext 228
Supervisor Shelley Stein	ext 231
Court Clerk Dawn Rindell	ext 234
Court Clerk Kay Miller	ext 236
Town Justice Kermit Arrington	ext 232
Town Justice Chuck Dusen	ext 233
Building Maintenance T Kanaley	ext 241
Councilman Bruno DeFazio	ext 502
Councilman Phil McBurney	ext 500
Councilman Duke Merica	ext 502
Councilman Bob Uberty	ext 501

Town website will be updated this month and you can find us at www.leronyonline.com
Town fax number is 768-2044.

Regular scheduled meetings for January are Thursday, January 22, 2004 and February 12, 2004.

Plan on joining us at your convenience. Thank you for your continued support and great ideas. It is a pleasure to serve you.

Shelley Stein, Supervisor 768-6910 ext. 231